

newsline extra

A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Statistical reports due on Friday

While many public libraries have successfully entered their data into Bibliostat Collect, the new online statistical collection software, time still remains for those who haven't finished. Libraries should have all their data submitted by Friday, November 12, 2004.

Since the State Library will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veteran's Day, Friday will be your last chance to contact State Library consultant Michaela Hansen with any questions you might have about your statistics. Michaela can be reached at 800-325-0131, ext. 11, or michaela.hansen@sos.mo.gov.

Center for the Book author celebration scheduled in St. Louis

The Missouri Center for the Book, a program of the Missouri State Library, will sponsor the 11th Annual Celebration of the Book at the Schlafly branch of the St. Louis Public Library on November 20, 2004.

The event will feature seven Missouri authors who will read from and autograph their works. Readings begin at 10 a.m. and will feature Margot McMillen, Jodie Lynn, Valerie Vogrin, Ridley Pearson, Sharon Shinn, Richard Newman, and Mark Tiedemann. The program is free and open to the public, and the event is co-sponsored by the St. Louis Public Library and the St. Louis Community College. For more information, contact Holly Dentner, Missouri Center for the Book coordinator, at 800-325-0131, ext. 8, or holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov.

Libraries successfully meet the FCC E-rate requirements

The State Library wishes to thank Missouri libraries for responding to the FCC's demand to obtain a registration number for E-rate compliance. All libraries required to register with the FCC did so by the November 1 deadline, meaning there should be no reductions of E-rate discounts.

It was vitally important that libraries comply with the FCC demand, and the State Library would like to thank everyone for taking time from their schedules to help maintain E-rate funding in Missouri.

If you have any questions or concerns about E-rate and the FCC, please contact Nathaniel Albers at 1-800-325-0131 ext. 14, or at nathaniel.albers@sos.mo.gov.

Nominations sought for *LJ's* rural library award

Library Journal's new annual Award for the Best Small or Rural Library in America, cosponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has been founded to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of these libraries. The award honors the library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less. Members of the editorial board of *Library Journal*, librarians from around the country, and a representative from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will judge nominations based on key factors, including:

- Creativity in developing services and programs that can be replicated by other libraries
- Innovation in introducing and supporting public access computing, educating patrons in its use, and measuring the impact of this technology usage
- Use of technology to expand the reach of library services
- Demonstrated community support
- Success in developing cooperation with other libraries and partnerships with other agencies and businesses
- Significant increase in library use, particularly by new users
- Evidence of library's role as community center

The winning library will receive a \$10,000 cash award, a feature story in the February 1, 2005 *Library Journal*, membership and conference costs for two library representatives to attend the Public Library Association Biannual Conference in 2006, and a gala reception at the conference.

The nomination deadline is December 1, 2004. Complete submission and eligibility requirements can be found by contacting contact Rebecca Miller at miller@reedbusiness.com or by phone at 646-746-6725.

Grants available for fitness and health programming

Libraries for the Future, with support from MetLife Foundation, is sponsoring *Get Real, Get Fit!*, a program of library-based activities and discussions focused on physical fitness and healthy eating for teens and their families.

Get Real, Get Fit! was developed by Libraries for the Future in response to MetLife Foundation's interest in how libraries could be helpful in educating teens and their families about healthy lifestyles, based on good nutrition and physical fitness. The program is intended to provide a valuable addition to the exemplary work that so many libraries are already doing with families and teens.

Libraries are invited to submit proposals for participation. Forty libraries will be selected for *Get Real, Get Fit!*, and will receive a cash grant of \$1,500 to \$2,500. The deadline for proposals is December 10, 2004. The RFP and application are posted on Libraries for the Future's Web site at http://www.lff.org/news/GRGF_rfp.html. Contact Marilyn Ratner at mratner@lff.org with any questions.

Library-related election results needed for ALA magazine

American Libraries magazine will be publishing a rundown of library referenda, local ballot measures, and other library-related election results in its January issue and on the *AL Online* news site at www.ala.org/online/.

The magazine editors would like to find out what important measures passed or failed that affected various types of libraries in every state. The roundup will encompass results from elections throughout the year, not just the November balloting.

Please send whatever information you might have by Friday, November 12 to George Eberhart at geberhart@ala.org. The magazine will try to incorporate any information arriving later into both the online and print versions of the article.

You may summarize in 1-3 sentences (per referendum) whatever measures for which you have data. A vote tally (or percentage) would also be appreciated.

Go to www.ala.org/ala/online/selectedarticles/referendaroundup.htm to access last year's Referenda Roundup.

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